

Memorandum

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Action Item

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Ref.: ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE FOR 2006 STIP AUGMENTATION

Issue: Should the Commission adopt an augmentation of the 2006 STIP, in advance of the 2008 STIP, and on what schedule?

Recommendation: Staff recommends, if Proposition 1B is approved by the voters, that the Commission adopt a revised fund estimate and develop a 2006 STIP augmentation on the following schedule:

Caltrans presents draft fund estimate to the CTC	November 8, 2006
CTC adopts fund estimate.	December 14, 2006.
RTIPs and ITIP due.	April 2, 2007.
CTC STIP hearing, South.	April 25, 2007.
CTC STIP hearing, North.	May 2, 2007.
CTC publishes staff recommendations.	May 17, 2007.
CTC adopts STIP augmentation.	June 7, 2007.

Background: Under law, the Commission adopts a new state transportation improvement program (STIP) every two years. The process begins with the development and adoption of a fund estimate by August 15 of each odd-numbered year and culminates with the adoption of the new STIP by April 1 of each even-numbered year. Each STIP must be consistent with the fund estimate on which it is based.

State law also permits the Commission, in consultation with the Department and regional agencies, to amend the fund estimate to account for unexpected revenues or other unforeseen circumstances. In that case, the Commission is required to extend the dates for the submittal of the interregional transportation improvement program (ITIP) and regional transportation improvement programs (RTIPs) nominating STIP projects. In reliance upon this authority, the Commission has once before augmented the STIP using a special programming cycle to program previously unanticipated revenues. In 1999, the Commission adopted an augmentation of the 1998 STIP to program revenues from the federal reauthorization act that had not been anticipated when the 1998 STIP fund estimate was adopted.

Proposition 1B on the November 7, 2006 ballot includes \$2 billion in funding to augment the STIP. If Proposition 1B is approved by the voters, these funds would be available upon appropriation by the Legislature. Commission staff has asked the Department to prepare a draft fund estimate for a 2006 STIP augmentation that assumes the full amount of the \$2 billion authorization is available at the beginning of the 2007-08 fiscal year.

A 2006 STIP augmentation would cover the same period as the original 2006 STIP, extending through the 2010-11 fiscal year. A new fund estimate would include not only the \$2 billion augmentation, but a review of all other fund revenue assumptions for the period ending 2010-11.